

# Israel Reveals Three Issues

## Coming Are 4 More Tribes, Singles For Technion 30th Year, Late Albert Einstein

Little time will be lost by Israel in launching the first stamps in its 1956 program. Announced are two commemoratives and four more items in the new definitive series. The commemoratives are to note the 30th anniversary of the Technion, Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa, and to pay tribute to the late Albert Einstein known as "a faithful son to his people". The quartet of regulars are the second such lot, the first of which appeared some weeks ago. They have as their theme "The Twelve Tribes of Israel", each value having a symbol of a different one.

The first four Tribes were in denominations of 10, 30, 60 and 100 pruta.

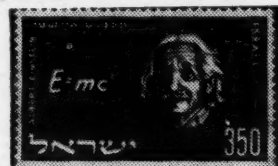
founding, thirty years ago, of the Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa on February 6, 1925. It serves as a school of learning on the university level for the training of engineers and technologists.



This next batch will contain a 20pr dark lilac, Tribe of Simeon; 40pr brown, Tribe of Yehuda; 80pr red, Tribe of Gad; 180pr violet, Tribe of Zebulun. Plate numbers are, respectively, 92, 94, 97 and 100.

First day covers and mint stamps at face plus return postage can be gotten. The four mint cost 18c, a first day cover costs 20c, plus which an allowance of 17c must be made for return postage. There will be 100 stamps to the sheet of each value, with ten descriptive tabs adjacent to the bottom row. There is no limit to purchases.

The Einstein commem honors the Father of the Theory of Relativity. It is a 350pr in brown and has a portrait of the great physicist and the equation "E = mc<sup>2</sup>" (Energy = mass x speed of light, squared).



There will be 20 of the Einstein stamps to the sheet with five descriptive tabs adjacent to the bottom row. The plate number is 118. A single mint stamp will cost 20c, a first day cover 22c, to which must be added the return postage charge of 17c.

Dr. Einstein is a German-Swiss of Jewish parents, born at Ulm Germany in 1879. Of special interest to Americana on Stamps collectors is the fact that he was professor of mathematics at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton University from 1933 until the time of his death.

He was deprived of his property and citizenship by the Nazi German government. He came to the United States and became a citizen in 1940. He died earlier this year. The Technion stamp notes the

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## The Argentine Government Publishes Stampic Articles And Other New Issue Data

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These appear in the monthly "Revista De Correos Y Telegrafos", an official organ of the Postal and Telegraph Department, which I believe now includes the Telephone and Television services. I have a copy of the December 1954 issue, if then being in its fifth year of existence. This number has 165 pages, which are of newsprint, and a cover of heavy bluish paper.

I kept this issue because it has a translation of an article I wrote on, "The Pacific Steam Navigation Company's Postage Stamps". I am credited with being the author, but the American stamp publication from which it was reprinted is not named, and I am not certain which one it was as I gave away my files of stamp publications when I moved to a new place about five years ago.

I would not attempt to translate the article back into English, even if I had the knowledge of Spanish to do it. Instead I am going to write a new one on the "P.S.N.C." stamps, giving more information on their background and on the reprints.

The one feature in the "Revista" that I noticed first was that which listed and depicted new issues. The illustrations are mostly of blocks and pairs, and include those of Argentina, Cuba, Panama, Denmark, Liechtenstein, Switzerland and Italy. The Italian stamps, six of them, are of the set with portraits of Hitler and Mussolini, who are facing each other.

The longest philatelic article in the "Revista" is the second installment of the postal history of the Province of Buenos Aires. The shortest one is on the essays or designs for the first British stamps, submitted by Chalmers and Bacon. These are shown. The article was translated from an Italian stamp journal.

I presume that in Argentina the telephone service, like that of the telegraph, is under control of the government. Hence, this article which is entitled:

"Autobiography of Juan Filip Reis, Inventor of the Telephone." Philip Reis was born in the Province of Hesse in Germany in 1834. He received a good education and taught in several German universities. Somehow he started to experiment in means of communication by telephone. In fact he invented the word "telephone". He gave lectures on his experiments, having some kind of apparatus which he used to explain his ideas. His lectures were reprinted in scientific publications in most of the countries of the world.

Then a lesser-known experimenter in telephone communication, Alexander Graham Bell, was granted a U. S. patent on his invention. When information on his invention reached Europe there were some angry protests on the patent, for many persons over there regarded Reis as the inventor, even if his ideas had not been put through practical demonstration.

I suppose the first telephones used in Argentina were made in Germany and embodied some of Reis' ideas. If that is true, he would be considered as the real inventor down there.

The "Revista" had to go back to a German publication of 1888 for Reis' autobiography.

Television in Argentina must also be under the control, if not the ownership, of the government, as in Britain and in several other European countries. Naturally the "Revista" would give space to articles on the subject. The one in this issue has the title, "Paul Nipkow, the Inventor of Television". It was translated from a German publication of 1940. Nipkow was also a German. I note he obtained his first German patent on television in 1884. That patent could have merely covered his ideas on

the principles of television.

I have never read up on television. But I know that without the invention of the electric light bulb and motion pictures by Edison, and the radio tube by De Forest, another American, I doubt we would have television today. I also know that after World War II, the backward countries of Europe begged the United States for television broadcasting towers and other equipment so they could also have TV broadcasting.

Now back to the "Revista!" I was advised that the government did not accept subscriptions to the publication. But that copies for the public are sold to news and magazine dealers, and one has to arrange with one of them for issues of it. No price is given on the cover or inside on the frontispiece.

I was also informed that some of the other Latin American republics get out a similar publication, but at uncertain intervals. Named were Venezuela, Peru and Nicaragua.

As I mentioned before, the new and revised article on the "Pacific Steam Navigation Company's Stamps", will appear in another issue of Linn's.

## Australian Roof Cancel Offered

The letter receiver being built at the summit of Mt. Kosciusko, New South Wales, will be open from December 23 advises the Australian postal administration.

All letters posted at this box by tourists during the summer season would be specially postmarked with a pictorial type of hand postmarker which would include the words "The Summit, Mt. Kosciusko, N.S.W., Roof of Australia" and also indicate the height above sea level (7,308 ft.).

The summit posting box will be cleared weekly by the Manager of the Chalet, Mt. Kosciusko, and the letters enclosed in a special bag forwarded to the Mt. Kosciusko post office for postmarking and onward despatch.

The facility is being provided for a trial period from 23rd December, 1955, to 28th February, 1956, and the question of extending it will be reviewed towards the end of the period.

Overseas collectors should forward fully addressed envelopes to the Director, Posts and Telegraphs (Philatelic Bureau) G.P.O. Melbourne, Victoria, together with a remittance to cover the cost of the Australian stamps to be affixed and the service charge for affixing such stamps at the rate of 2d per envelope (2c U. S.).

The surface rate to the United States will require a payment of 7c, airmail 25c, in United States currency. Payment can be made by money order, bank draft or certified check.

## Topical Appeal In Scandinavian Cancels

Special cancellations in two Scandinavian countries have been reported by Gunnar Madsen, Tollose, Denmark. One, in use at Oslo, Norway, has a sports appeal in that in both English and Norwegian it states "Norway — Home of Skiing", in slogan form.

November 13 found the use of a special postmark at Copenhagen, Denmark advertising the Day of the Postage Stamp. In its center are three towers — these are surrounded by the dedicatory and postal wording. This cancellation was sponsored by the Osterbro Stamp Club which noted its 15th anniversary of existence.

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The 21 Republics of North and South America, the Dominion of Canada and Spain make up this Union which concluded the four-week session of its Seventh Quinquennial Congress at Bogota in November.

Reporting on the results of the congress, PMG Summerfield called attention to certain important changes initiated by the U. S. delegation.

Reflecting the good will and co-operative spirit of the member countries, the congress adopted several revisions proposed by the United States delegation to improve the international postal service. To facilitate the flow of printed matter it voted favorably on the United States' proposal that the maximum weight for packages of printed matter be increased from 22 to 33 pounds. In addition to permitting larger single mailings of such matter, this action will enable postal administrations to reduce handling costs and expedite delivery to addressees.

To provide greater uniformity where possible between the country's domestic and international postal service, the congress substituted insured, for registered parcel post service, thus making available a realistic system of indemnities in the case of loss, rifling or damage of such mail in the U. S. international as well as in its domestic service.

Among the operational changes permitted by the congress at the suggestion of the United States is the elimination of expensive time-consuming procedures in the handling of international parcel post. Under the new agreement effective March 1, 1956, the United States will be able to modify its procedures so as to eliminate cumbersome costly handling methods and record keeping considered unnecessary in the United States system but required previously under existing international agreements.

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## Catching Up With My Work

Today is November 30. It is cold down here just like in other parts of the country, but not near so cold as in other parts, so that is still something in favor of Florida at this time of year.

As you should know if you have been following my column for the past few weeks, we had a big stamp exhibition, banquet and auction at our annual Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs meeting at Leesburg, here in the center of Lake County, and in the center of Florida.

I handled the auction and by hard work was able to get the mail lots all in the mail by November 7 and on the 8th we started north. I had heard of a sale of stamps to be at Marion, Ohio November 10 to 12. An old time friend had passed on several months before. He was an accumulator, not a real collector for he had rooms full of antiques all bought and stacked in heaps in the various rooms. He also accumulated a lot of old coins including a lot of rare gold and silver pieces. Also an accumulation of stamps being mint sheets which he had bought for many years past but never with an eye to perfection, thus far less in value than they could have been. Besides these mint sheets he had made numerous finds of old accumulations of correspond-

ence among which were some very nice things but mostly material of little value.

In the eyes of a real stamp man such material can turn out some good items, but handled as this material was handled, no one knew much about what they were bidding on and it was like buying a pig in a poke to bid on some lots. However as a whole the prices some of the material of this nature brought was such that even the find of a few covers in a lot would compensate one for buying it.

There was but one fine lot in the whole sale. This was a pair of beautiful 5c New York Postmaster Provisionals on cover. I was successful in buying it at a price far below what it would have brought in a New York sale. There was a sheet of 400 of the imperf 2c Black Harding. It had been rolled up and stuck in a desk drawer. Half the sheet had the gum so dirty that it could not be cleaned up. The sheet had some cracks and wrinkles in it thus losing much of its real value. Had the sheet been in fine condition as it should have been kept it would probably have brought around \$400 even at a sale thus as this was.

The sale of stamps and coins was a three day affair. On Thursday November 10, they started selling coins at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, stopped at 5 for dinner and started again at 7:30 and continued until 10:30 o'clock. There was a nice lot of gold coins, commemorative halves, etc. sold at what to me appeared fair prices. There were several coin dealers there from nearby towns. It just so happened that the coin dealers were holding a meet of some sort at Mansfield, Ohio which was about 50 miles from Marion.

Besides the finer coins there were bags and boxes filled with Civil War tokens and tokens of other sorts, also Indian Head cents and other coins by the roll. A big sack full of nickels brought \$65 and other coins sold at above face, under face and at all kinds of prices. The sale was conducted like a sale of household goods. No one had much chance to examine anything and it was lumped off in all sorts of ways. Some got very big bargains, others found they had paid more than a lot was worth.

On the second day, stamps were sold in the same manner. Old covers by lots of 25, 50 or 100. The 2c Black Jacks were in bundles of 25 and sold as a lot. One buying a lot of these might find one cover that could be worth the price for the lot. Some lots might not turn up over a half dozen really nice copies. It was a case of hide and seek and then find out what you got. Mint sheets were often sold under face and often if you bought a sheet for a couple dollars over face you might find it was unfit for a collector and worth only its postage value.

We bought quite a lot of this material and have found some very interesting things. Among packages of 3c 1861 covers, most of which were dirty and soiled we found a fancy cancellation in the form of a beautiful Bird on Bough. This we tried to learn about when in New York and could find no one who had ever seen or heard of this cancel before. It is an extraordinary new find and came from Shauks, Ohio. We also found three covers from NEVADA, COLORADO TERRITORY on the 3c 1861 besides many other unusual things. Old stamped envelopes were sold in bundles of 100. Most bundles going at from \$3 to \$5 and most of them would always turn up a few covers that were well worth the price for the lot and leave a lot of good saleable covers over.

I have no idea what the stamps or the coins brought as a whole, but am certain it was several thousand dollars and had they been handled by a good stamp auction firm I think they would have brought perhaps twice as much.

Among other things bought was a 2c Black Jack on cover, the horizontal split, catalogued at \$250 for only \$40. Thus our hurried trip to Marion, Ohio paid off with some nice material at very attractive prices.

We also attended the sale on Saturday afternoon and evening at which coins were sold for an hour and then stamps for an hour. We bought one 3 x 5 file cabinet drawer filled with mint stamps in small envelopes, running from the Mothers Day issues up into the Famous Americans. We had to make a guess at the contents. Bought it for \$150. Found it contained over \$1200.00 catalog value and sold it in New York for \$350.

Following the sale at Marion we went over to our home office in Sidney where we spent three days, then to Buffalo to visit with the wife's parents for a couple days and then on the 17th to New York for the ASDA show which opened on the 18th.

While we have had no direct information from New York as to the attendance this year we are of the opinion that it was again bigger than ever. Both Mr. and Mrs. Rueth, and Mrs. Linn and myself were at the booth at various hours and hundreds of collectors stopped to greet us. In fact we have had a letter from one of our enthusiastic supporters who says he found more people crowded about our booth most of the time than at any other in the show. He was very highly complimentary to us and that is what we like to hear. Anyhow we sold more subscriptions this year than ever before. The total taken at the show was just a few short of one thousand.

We were prepared for the show in a fine manner. We had shipped 5000 copies of that big 56-page paper to New York and gave them away as fast as we could hand them out.

We want to assure everyone who stopped for a kind word or a quick hand clasp that we were glad to see them again and hope that we can repeat again at the Fipex Show in April next year.

We had planned to stay in New York until the 23rd and spent Monday afternoon visiting at the Collectors Club where we talked with Mr. Goodkind and Mr. Boggs about the work of the Philatelic Foundation. We had the pleasure of examining some of their scientific apparatus

and seeing what can be done with such apparatus in detecting faked surcharges and other faults in stamps. The foundation is doing a splendid job and is worthy of the support of every collector. Wealthy collectors could help wonderfully in the advancement of Philately by remembering this foundation. It is highly deserving and much of the hard work is being contributed by enthusiastic members of the Collectors Club. Here is the only spot in America where the real collector can feel that he is a part of a great project. A splendid library is at your command, the best brains in the stamp world are available to the members through the work of the Club and the Foundation. You should take advantage of this if you ever visit New York and become affiliated with this group.

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We have just finished cleaning up the auction. All lots have been paid for thus far except five small charges and we are going to have a nice profit from the sale to help carry the expenses incurred by our club in putting on the Florex Convention. Next week I will try to tell you how we held a successful auction and how your club can do so too if you follow the advice we give you. Until next week then I will try to clear up all other matters so if I owe you a letter you know why it has been delayed.

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Meanwhile, also from Italy, comes an item of a quite different character. Back in the closing days of World War II, Italian Partisans seized the city of Savona from the Fascists. One of the first governmental acts of the new anti-Fascist prefect was to authorize the overprinting of all Fascist stamps with the inscription "C.L.N. Savona". C.L.N. is the abbreviation, in Italian, for "Committee of National Liberation"—an all-inclusive patriotic, anti-Fascist coalition which carried on the underground and guerilla fight against the Fascists.

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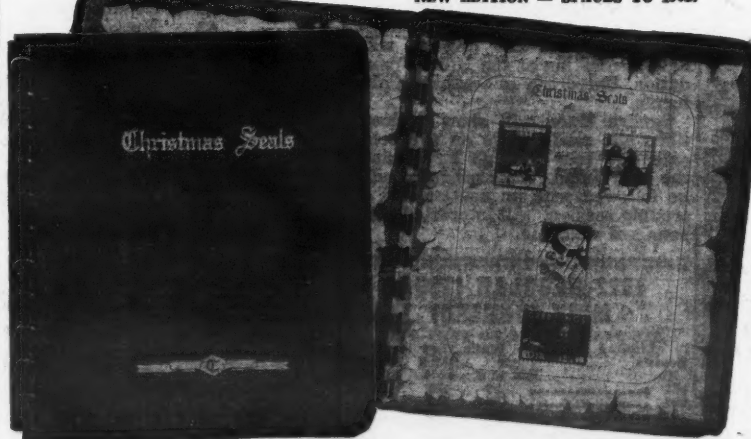
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Another coming up right after the first of the year will have the 1847's and other early issues in mint and used singles, multiple pieces and on cover. In this catalog, and the above-mentioned, are good pictures of many scarce items of which there are perhaps only one, two or three in existence.

The Caspary sale ranks with the Hind, Ferrari and several others of like stature, the kind of which there are only a few in any collector's lifetime. Besides the wealth, and the willingness to spend it, Mr. Caspary had that extra gift of perception which told him of the scarcity and quality of the thousands of pieces which were offered to him. He chose carefully and selectively.

Now very few collectors will have the money to buy much of anything from the Caspary holdings because a great deal of it is going at important figures. But they can have pictures of many of the rarities for their reference libraries by purchasing the Caspary auction catalogs as they are announced.

Both catalogs are available at \$1 each. Also offered is a 16 page brochure with full color reproductions of gems from the collection at 25c. The address of the firm is 6 W. 48th St., New York 36, N. Y. If you are interested in the United States classic issues these books will have something for you. If you are the average stamp fan who doesn't get much earlier than the 1900's with his collection, you'd be wasting your money to buy these auction catalogs.

It will take 16 auction sales over a period of two years to sell the Caspary collections.

1. In 1949 the Post Office Department released how many stamps in what denominations for the 75th anniversary of the Universal Postal Union?

2. John Carlyle's home appears in the design of what commem?

Shown here is a reproduction of the 4c design impressed on airmail postal cards, with something of a foreign nature added. Donald G. Foot of Niagara Falls, N. Y. has two like it.

## U.S. POSTAGE

4c AIR MAIL

He writes that he discovered the first when buying a quantity of cards at the local post office. An obliging clerk went further through his stock upon the finding of the first, with one other being uncovered and sold to Mr. Foot.

The sharp glossy photo from which the newspaper illustration is made tells a lot more than the picture above. It shows traces of lint, and also the outline of a twisted cord or thread. The lint is attached to the thread.

Undoubtedly the pressman caught this miscue before too many were made, or else the foreign matter

## Prize Winning Collection!

Did you ever see a superb unused United States cut square collection, where every specimen was clean and fresh with square cut equal maximum margins? I am offering here just such a collection of nearly 1300 cut squares, more than half of which are 19th Century items. All neatly mounted on black mats on linen hinged cardboard pages in 3 Elbe "American" albums (Albums alone cost \$45). The 19th Century portion of this collection won the bronze award in the recent FLOREX show. Here is an opportunity seldom offered to acquire what is probably the most outstanding collection of these popular items ever offered as a collection. While it is not complete it is representative of most of the major varieties, together with die, color, and paper varieties as well as most of the errors. The early 19th has all of the beautiful items and in a condition seldom seen. I will gladly submit at your expense to responsible persons for examination. The price is much less than you would pay for inferior specimens, hap-hazardly cut. Must be seen to be appreciated. The price (Worth much more) .....\$730

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## SPECIAL EDITIONS

Various dealers will want to time some of their advertising to appear in conjunction with the special editions of Linn's Weekly Stamp News sponsored by different specialist groups. These editions are always the last one of each month and contain a splendid amount of information about the particular country or specialty.

The next four editions of a special nature are as follows:

December 26 - Vatican Philatelic Society.

January 30 - Luxembourg Philatelic Society.

February 27 - Society of Israel Philatelists.

March 27 - National Highway Post Office Society.

Further inquiries can be directed to this paper by interested dealers.

Clubs or societies agreeable to sponsoring a special edition can get the details on request.

dropped from the design before many were printed.

These pieces are curiosities and not legitimate philatelic varieties as such. They are collected by quite a few people who are willing to lay a few pennies on the line to get them.

Once in a while, perhaps two or three times per year, it is not possible to print the calendar of Coming Stamps, and Those Already Issued. It is usually placed on page four.

Just in case such a thing does occur don't get all excited about it. All you have to do is go back to the previous week's or wait for the one coming up. The Post Office Department, with a couple of exceptions, has always announced sufficiently ahead of time, any new stamps to be released.

Likewise, every stamp making its debut during the year is listed with its catalog number in the ALREADY ISSUED part of the box.

THANKS FOR THE COVERS  
 DEPT.: Keith Tucker, North Fitzroy, Australia; Gunnar Madsen, Tollose, Denmark; Dr. Ernesto Bello, Havana, Cuba; Elmer S. Smith, Ancon, Canal Zone; Maj. R. C. Dettman, Wembley, Australia; Charles de Leuze, Pittsburgh, Pa.; George M. Hammond, Hornell, N. Y.; M. R. Holly, Aruba, NWI; H. C. Verkruijsen, Aruba, NWI.

Man writes that he finds it difficult to get decently centered plate blocks at his local post office and claims that the biggest reason is because the clerks are catering to local dealers. This might be true in isolated places, but not generally, because the people who run the POD frown on such goings on.

To begin with there are many times when an office gets few panes which are centered well. I don't buy plate blocks myself but have had the full cooperation of our local post office in letting me look through several pads of 100 panes of various commems just to note the condition.

On most of such occasions I have found a fair quantity of collectable material—say about 20 panes per pad with the remaining 80 being good for nothing but postage.

Then I have gone through pads of the Famous American style stamps and found the centered ones very few and far between. It seems as though the Bureau has not developed the technique of perforating the 70-subject as good as the 50-subject panes. That's why if you get a plate block of the Famous American style commem with very fine centering you should cherish it and guard it well. The regular issues hardly ever

come well centered the entire 100 stamps. Various sections can have superb areas—the most one can hope for here is that the area encompasses the plate number section. Then again, you can go through pane after pane and never find one with a well-centered condition anywhere on it.

Now to the second point. It is quite possible that a window clerk will save the better plate blocks from his stock as he sells the other 96, 66, or 46 stamps of a new pane. Chances are the fellow for whom these are put back is generous and appreciative enough to give the clerk a cigar or something every once in a while. Human nature being what it is, this is a legitimate approach.

Finally, a clerk can get in trouble with the postal inspector of his district, if said inspector happens to pay a visit and finds that the clerk has a number of panes in his stock from which the plate blocks have been torn. Whenever clerks have more than a pane or so on hand with the plate removed, or otherwise torn up, they are violating Post Office Department rules.

Try the "smile-patience-cigar" technique for results.

A lady reader brings up an interesting point, but she and I know it won't get her anywhere, but it is a point nevertheless. She writes: "Just had an amusing thought. A Postal Bulletin some months ago quoted the PMG saying that refund would be made if there was an overcharge for the 'postal service' given."

"Wonder whether that would mean on FD covers—9c back for use of the plate block (value 12c)—97c back where a \$1 stamp was used. After all, only postal service given was first class."

Now a wish that all of you have a wonderful Christmas Season. I hope that Santa Claus treats you well. I hope that the Creator brings you health and spiritual well-being.

1. Three commemorative airmails of 10c, 15c and 25c.  
 2. The 6c commemorative airmail of 1949.

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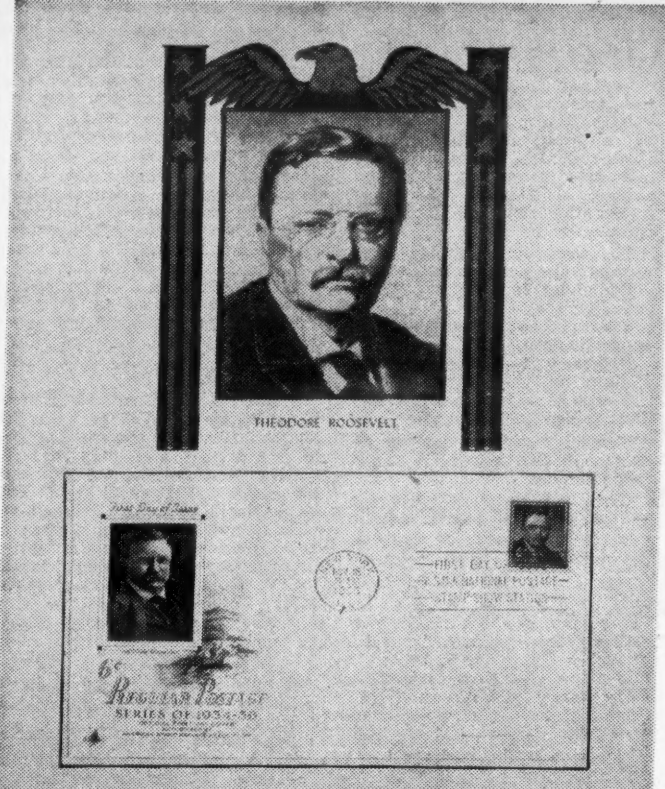
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# VOX POP

Linn's Weekly:  
The ASDA issue was far and away the best and biggest stamp publication I have ever seen. Congratulations!  
I read all the display ads and most of the Classified in each issue. Most dealers, I find, are eager to help and give careful attention to inquiries. However, it is unfortunate that there are a certain few outright stinkers advertising in your columns, also a few whose prices are so far above the market they are actually ridiculous. These, of course, we have with us always and to weed them out is practically impossible! . . .  
One thing I have noticed as being increasingly prevalent among dealers: they seem to be getting away from the practice of stating the condition of the stamps they offer in ads. This I cannot understand. . . . Couldn't they have used up a mere sliver of space to mention condition? . . . Can it be that the stamp Trade is in such plush days a buyer is out of order in bringing up such a trifling point as condition?

When I buy from an ad, I like to know something about what I am ordering. Of course, most everything is "returnable"—and don't ever darken my door again! So what shall I do? Brave the wrath of a sanctimonious dealer who can't be approached about condition, or just simply leave all the ads alone that don't say what they are selling?

Sincerely,  
George A. Lawson,  
Gainesville, N. Y.

Dear Sir:  
I couldn't help but get considerably perturbed at the letter of Charles W. Aurand, as quoted in your magazine's Nov. 28th editorial—but the degree of my annoyance would be far far less, I am sure, than would be that of Thomas Jefferson and some of the others who founded this great country.  
Paying a tribute to the Bible is one thing, but honoring a specific religion or any symbol of it on a postage stamp is something quite different. Nor does the claim that it represents the majority justify it; our American tradition is that the majority jealously safeguards the rights of the minority and does not choose to use its very prepon-

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non-belief in God, if anyone is foolish enough to admit of it, is a matter for each individual to decide in his heart—and not on a postage stamp. Our Post Office Department has made laughing stock of itself sufficiently with stamps for chickens, stamps for politicians, and stamps for a railroad and a gymnastic organization without completely losing its self-respect and putting the manger scene on a stamp, as Mr. Aurand would have it do.  
(Editors Note: The name of the writer of this letter is known to us and is not appended by request).

## Fine Reception For Precancel Catalog

Precancel stamp collectors gave the first edition of the Gunesch-Coda Standard Catalog of U. S. Bureau Issue Precancels an enthusiastic reception when it was released for the first time several weeks ago.  
In format and listing this reference book is claimed to be the first new and convenient approach to the listing of the Bureau precancels in a number of years. There is a simplified numbering system with the letters of the alphabet denoting the style of precancel imprint and the numeral for identification.  
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155 ..... .06	559 ..... .04	716 ..... .10
156/84 ..... 3.75	560 ..... .03	717 ..... .08
219 ..... .10	561 ..... .03	718 ..... .09
242 ..... .10	562/65 ..... .05	719/24 ..... .38
243/44 ..... .18	566/67 ..... .09	725 ..... .08
245 ..... .06	568/69 ..... .09	726 ..... .08
255 ..... .06	570/71 ..... .21	727 ..... .12
256/57 ..... .75	572 ..... .07	728 ..... .12
258/62 ..... 1.20	573/75 ..... .32	729 ..... .12
264/83 ..... 3.25	576/80 ..... .16	730 ..... .08
265 ..... .06	581/84 ..... .16	731 ..... .10
281/93 ..... 1.20	585 ..... .06	732 ..... .18
284 ..... 1.65	586 ..... .05	733/39 ..... .08
285 ..... .09	587 ..... .04	740 ..... .08
286 ..... .19	588 ..... .04	741 ..... .18
303 ..... .14	589 ..... .02	753 ..... .10
304 ..... .45	590 ..... .09	757/62 ..... .58
305 ..... .28	591/93 ..... .28	763 ..... .08
322 ..... .14	594/602 ..... .42	764 ..... .15
323 ..... .09	603 ..... .12	765 ..... .08
324 ..... .06	604 ..... .05	766 ..... .08
325/26 ..... .38	605/06 ..... .18	767 ..... .08
327/28 ..... .32	607 ..... .08	768 ..... .08
330/31 ..... 1.40	608/09 ..... .08	6 fr. Marianne ..... .10
332 ..... .12	610 ..... .04	France-Canada ..... .15
333 ..... .04	611 ..... .10	Lumiere ..... .15
334 ..... .06	612/15 ..... .45	Jules Verne ..... .15
335/40 ..... .06	616/20 ..... .05	12 fr. Marianne ..... .04
347 ..... .06	621 ..... .07	Moulin ..... .08
348/53 ..... 1.10	622 ..... .14	Jaques Coeur ..... .08
354 ..... 1.60	623 ..... .16	SEMI-POSTALS ..... .25
355 ..... .20	624 ..... .70	B16/23 ..... 3.50
356 ..... .17	625/28 ..... .08	B24/26 ..... .42
357 ..... .06	629 ..... .08	B28/30 ..... .30
358 ..... .07	630/32 ..... .65	B34 ..... 1.70
359/72 ..... .26	633 ..... .10	B42/43 ..... 2.40
379 ..... .14	634/36 ..... .26	B47 ..... .20
381 ..... .06	637/40 ..... .30	B60/62 ..... .27
382 ..... .28	641/42 ..... .17	B63 ..... .16
383 ..... .14	643 ..... .08	B64/65 ..... .15
383A/85P ..... .26	644 ..... .09	B68/69 ..... .32
386 ..... .12	645 ..... .16	B70 ..... .42
387 ..... .05	646 ..... .09	B71/72 ..... .30
388 ..... .05	647 ..... .09	B73 ..... .30
389 ..... .06	648 ..... .16	B74 ..... .26
390 ..... .07	649 ..... .18	B75 ..... .15
391 ..... .05	650/54 ..... .35	B76 ..... .18
392 ..... .04	655 ..... .08	B77 ..... .15
393 ..... .04	656 ..... .09	B78 ..... .15
394 ..... .32	657 ..... .10	B79 ..... .18
395/412 ..... 1.10	658 ..... .18	B80 ..... .12
413/16 ..... .22	659/63 ..... .08	B81 ..... .10
417 ..... .04	664 ..... .09	B82 ..... .10
418/20 ..... .25	665 ..... .08	B83 ..... .12
421 ..... .12	666/68 ..... .20	B84 ..... .08
422/61 ..... .04	669 ..... .09	B85 ..... .25
452 ..... .04	670 ..... .18	B86/89 ..... .60
453 ..... .04	671/72 ..... .28	B90/91 ..... .25
454 ..... .04	673 ..... .22	B92 ..... .06
455/58 ..... .05	674 ..... .28	B93 ..... .18
459 ..... .07	675 ..... .09	B94/95 ..... .17
460/63 ..... .28	676 ..... .09	B96 ..... .06
464 ..... .05	677 ..... .18	B97/100 ..... .45
465 ..... .14	678 ..... .12	B101/02 ..... .20
466 ..... .05	679 ..... .18	B103 ..... .07
467/70 ..... .28	680 ..... .18	B104/07 ..... .25
472 ..... .04	681 ..... .14	B106/08 ..... .06
473 ..... .10	682 ..... .10	B110 ..... .05
474 ..... .04	683 ..... .10	B111 ..... .04
477/95 ..... .48	684 ..... .10	B112/13 ..... .14
486 ..... .14	685 ..... .09	B114 ..... .04
487 ..... .18	686 ..... .12	B115 ..... .07
488 ..... .04	687 ..... .18	B116 ..... .07
489 ..... .03	688/91 ..... .28	B117/26 ..... .60
499/502 ..... .04	692/92A ..... .13	B129 ..... .06
503 ..... .03	693 ..... .09	B130 ..... .04
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Sometime around Christmas, a new issue will be released that will make the heart of almost any stamp collector beat faster. A British Antarctic Expedition is now en route to the South Pole and the intrepid voyagers have been thoughtfully supplied with their own special stamps for this occasion!

Four low values of the current Queen Elizabeth set for the Falkland Islands Dependencies have been overprinted "Trans-Antarctic Expedition 1955-58", namely the 1d, 2½d, 3d and 6d of that beautiful set featuring sailing ships which in past years plied the seas in the vicinity of the Falklands.

The new issue, which should sell for about a quarter in the United States, will also be on sale at all post offices in the Dependencies for an unspecified period. One of the most fascinating facts is that they will not be released until word has been flashed to London that the expedition has safely arrived at Shackleton, its first stop.

A member of the crew is being appointed honorary postmaster and ultimately supplies of the overprints "postally used in Antarctica" will therefore be available. The basic stamps which are being utilized are printed in sheets of sixty.

Specialists in United Nations material will undoubtedly be interested to learn that a special 10th Anniversary slogan cancellation was used on October 24 at the capital, New Delhi, and possibly also at other post offices in India.

Gibraltar's Peace & Victory, Silver Wedding and UPU issues will no longer be valid after March 1.

Here are some more figures on the quantities issued of recent commemoratives of Australia:

3½d—Feb. 23, Rotary—35,968,160.  
3½d—May 4, U. S. Friendship—35,960,160.

3½d—July 6, Cobb & Co.—33,981,120.

2/—July 6, Cobb & Co.—2,295,600.

With only a few days' notice given, the Malayan state of Johore issued an attractive maroon 10c "Diamond Jubilee" commemorative on November 21. Printed in sheets of fifty, the new arrival shows a portrait of the Sultan, now 82 years old, his chest ablaze with medals. With a face value of only a little over 3 U. S. cents, the new-comer should easily find its way into numerous collections the world over.

His Highness, one of Britain's staunchest friends in Southeast Asia, was showered with honors on the occasion of his 60th anniversary on the throne. At an estimated cost of a million dollars the capital city of Johore Bharu was the scene of one of the splashiest celebrations ever held in this part of the world. For five days, other sultans and rajahs helped the Johore ruler, still sprightly, to whoop it up.

Except for the Silver Wedding, UPU, QEII Coronation and postage due issues, Sultan Ibrahim has been shown on every Johore stamp since 1896 which is probably a record.

Many collectors have wondered why Canada has chosen to honor Sir Charles Tupper on the latest 5c value of her Prime Ministers series inasmuch as he occupied his high office for only a little over two months sixty years ago. We believe that he was principally included for his distinguished career before assuming the office of Prime Minister, for the sake of completeness and because Canada hasn't had very many Prime Ministers to begin with!

Unlike a French premier, the Canadian head of government generally holds his job for at least a decade or so and had Sir Charles lived, he probably would have retained his important position for a long, long time.

And what about William Henry Harrison, 9th President of the United States, who died one month after taking office, in 1841? He managed to make philatelic history twice, once on the 9c Presidential of 1938 and then again on the 3c Indiana Territory Sesquicentennial issue of 1950.

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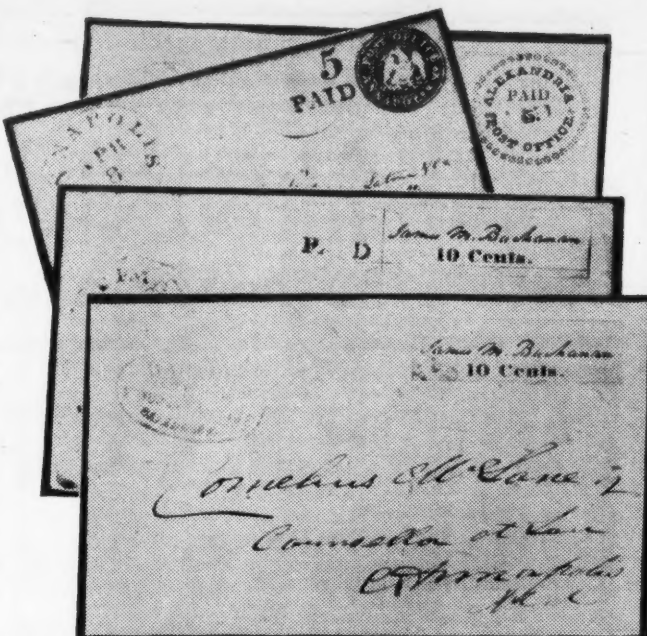
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### PLATE BLOCK THOUGHTS and COMMENTS

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### CENTERING — DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW

The most common descriptions known and used are Fine, Very Fine, and Superb. Occasionally, but not very often, you see a description of Very Good being used. Even when used in a not too loose sense, Very Good, in the eyes of collectors, is a poor and undesirable specimen. Fine and Very Fine are the two most popular descriptions used to describe centering.

Indeed it is a strange thing to note how far apart the same description can be by two different dealers or collectors. When gathered in groups, clubs, or other gatherings, collectors and dealers alike will speak of plate blocks and stamps and it is then that you hear "terrible, poor, miserable," and other similar descriptions of stamps. Yet these very same descriptions rarely, if ever, come up during a sale, especially on the part of the seller.

Again I ask the same question. Why should the centering of plate blocks at their worst begin at such a high level when, on a comparative basis, they are far from the condition described?

I am frank to admit that there are two strongly supported views, pro and con, if they are not carried to misleading and damaging excesses.

In Washington, D. C., there is a Bureau of Standards which determines the exact measurements, weights, liquid and solid, and in fact almost every conceivable type of measurement for obtaining uniformity and fairness in all kinds of transactions, business or otherwise. I am sorry that among the different classifications of measurements they do not have one to measure centering of postage stamps, with the proper description for each. If they did have such standards, I do not know how well they could serve us, and be adhered to.

In the main, description of the centering of a stamp does reflect a different opinion amongst people. On the average, collectors and dealers will be lined up, generally speaking, to what is called Fine, Very Fine and Superb, but as in anything else there are also the extremes who have firm views out of line with the majority.

In spite of feelings to the contrary, it does appear that the three principal descriptions, Fine, Very Fine, and Superb, have become traditional and commonly used in the sale of stamps, notwithstanding the fact that privately you may feel these have been exaggerated to

some degree.

Personally, I prefer to know the individual with whom I am dealing and become acquainted with the honesty and integrity he represents. It is then, and mostly then, that I would know whereof he speaks when he uses the term Fine, or Very Fine. When you lack confidence in the individual with whom you deal, then you will soon find out that when he uses the word "Fine" that you would need to take that description with a grain of salt.

This works both ways. As it happens with the dealer, it will happen just as much, or more so, with a great number of collectors. There is no set pattern that would serve as a yardstick. The very same centering that would satisfy one collector would be unsatisfactory to another.

I realize that in sales promotion it is difficult to defy tradition and attempt the use of terms describing

centering that reflect more accurately the condition to a point where the collector or dealer will have but one description for this block at all times, whether it is bought or sold. If anything, I would tip my hat to the dealer whose description of centering is conservative or accurate, to a degree where over 90% of the people would go along with the same views, or say that it is much better than the description.

Where do you stand? When you go to purchase any plate block that you are missing in your collection, would you like to be told that the centering is poor, or almost fair, or does it make you feel better if the description used is Very Good, or almost Fine?

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For the benefit of Miami, Florida's Variety Children's Hospital, three auctions will be held at the three local stamp clubs. These are sponsored by the South Florida Chapter of the American Stamp Dealers' Assn. The first was December 12, at the Miami Beach Stamp Club meeting.

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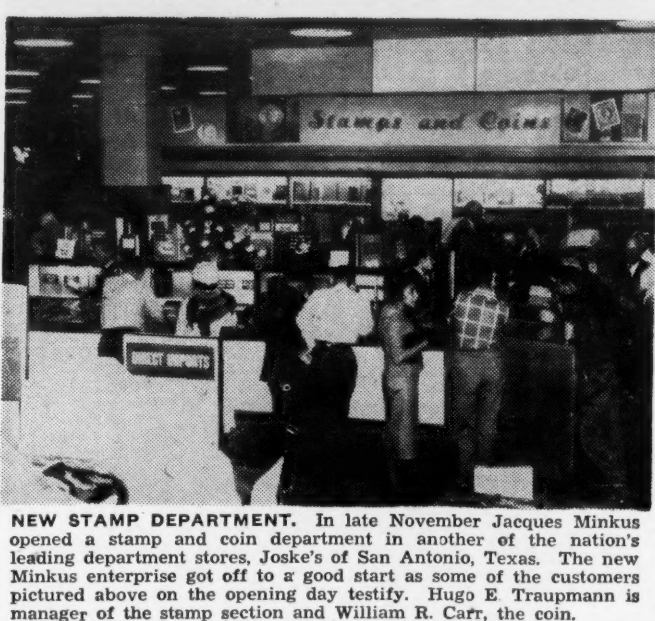
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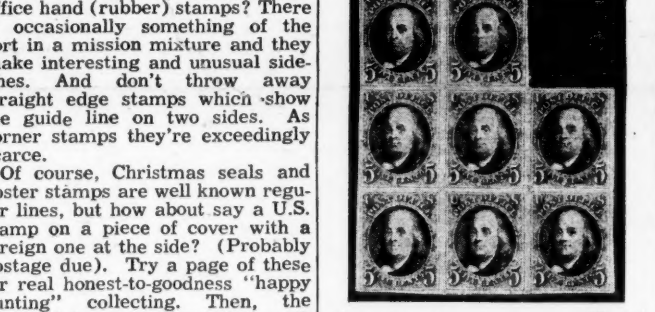


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**There's Treasure In Mixture Junk!**  
Leslie Marshall  
If you don't know what to do with common U. S. accumulations, but have the real collector's zest try forming the alphabet from the cancelling machine letters which sometimes hit a stamp squarely. Several issues can be selected for this, such as the Defense or the 1/2c to 10c Prexies. Again, endeavor to get all the numbers from 1 to 50, or even higher, on say the common current Airmail which the cancelling machine has struck dead on center.  
Still another interesting line is to search the residue of the Mixture for items with town cancellations or post office slogans also squarely on the stamp — "socked on the nose" some call it.  
Parcel post killers make another specialty line.  
Or take another angle — ever collect sealing wax seals, or post office hand (rubber) stamps? There is occasionally something of the sort in a mission mixture and they make interesting and unusual sidelines. And don't throw away straight edge stamps which show the guide line on two sides. As corner stamps they're exceedingly scarce.  
Of course, Christmas seals and poster stamps are well known regular lines, but how about say a U.S. stamp on a piece of cover with a foreign one at the side? (Probably postage due). Try a page of these for real honest-to-goodness "happy hunting" collecting. Then, the very old but common issues such as the two-cent brown or green "bank note" types (1870-1887) come along all the time with fascinating old cork cancellations, not worth so much singly, but a few pages can produce quite a nice piece of postal history.  
Treasure hunting for used stamps with the plate number, or for used blocks, extra long coil strips or joined coil ends, not to mention Match and Medicine stamps and Customs Seals, represent other lines of specialization which have formed more than one unusual collection.  
And don't forget that stamps perforated through with initials for safety, perfins, form a field all in itself. Other unusual catalogue items occasionally in mission mixtures are consulars, old barrel or tobacco revenues and post office seals.

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Because of the Christmas and New Year holidays we will have one less day in each of those weeks to prepare advertising copy. We would greatly appreciate the cooperation of advertisers in getting their ad copy intended for the January 9 and 16 editions in to us earlier than usual. Those are the dates of the papers which will be prepared then.  
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Aarne Karjalainen is the designer, and B. Ekholm the engraver.

Martin Bostrom, Hertig Karl-salle 59B, Orebro, Sweden advises that Porkkala lies approximately 40 kilometers from Finland's capital city of Helsinki. When the reds took over all the Finns living there were dispossessed — the invaders constructing a lot of armaments.  
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The first of 16 scheduled auctions of the stamp collection formed by the late Alfred Caspary set several records. It was the most valuable lot of stamps offered in a single session. H. R. Harmer, Inc. of New York who handled the sale reported the total to be \$225,330. As there were only 153 lots this means each averaged nearly \$1500.

Perhaps, of greater significance to every stamp collector, however, was the fact that so many rare stamps of similar character could be sold at one time and find a ready market at top prices. All of the stamps in this sale were the United States Postmasters Provisionals, Scott Nos. 1X1 thru 12XU1.

Alfred H. Caspary left his entire estate to charity and so all the proceeds will be devoted to worthwhile causes. During his lifetime he not only was a foremost student and expert in the early 19th century issues which he collected, but he was also a discriminating collector. For approximately 50 years he bought only stamps of the highest quality.

Since he was extremely wealthy during most of this time he was in a position to pay whatever he thought a stamp was worth. When he wanted a particular item he seldom would let anyone else outbid him. His collection of U. S. Postmasters Provisionals was not only the finest in existence, but quality-wise it was superior to that held by any other collector.

The Alexandria, Va. stamp, Scott #1X1, the lot first offered, is one of three known of this variety in type I and this was described as the finest. Against the catalogue value of \$6000 it was sold to Raymond H. Weill Co. of New Orleans for \$3900. Lot #2 was the same stamp, but type II, of which only three copies also exist. It was, however, tied to cover and the Weill Co. paid \$7400 for it. Lot #3 the same stamp, but uncanceled on cover, was sold to Ezra D. Cole, of Nyack, N. Y. for \$9250.

Soon after came the 10c Baltimore on bluish paper, beautifully tied to a small neat cover. During the depths of the depression in 1934 when this item catalogued in Scott's at only \$7000, Mr. Caspary paid \$10,500 for it in the Hind auction sale. It was the highest price realized for any stamp in the Hind collection sold at auction and Mr. Caspary probably recognized it as his best U. S. piece.

The bid opened at \$5000 and the Weill Co. immediately jumped the bid to \$10,000. Someone else called \$11,000. Weill bid \$12,000, another bidder \$13,000, and Bernard Harmer finally dropped the gavel and awarded this great treasure to the Weill Co. for \$14,000. Only one other copy is known but the Caspary one is, by far the finer.

Mr. Caspary had a marvelous lot of 5c New York's and these stamps set all kinds of records. Many of them went to Mr. Cole, and the Weill Co. Robert Siegel of New York, who bought very few lots in his own name, acted as agent and advisor to several of the important collectors who were bidding. A pair of the 5c New York's, cataloguing \$400 was bought by a mail bidder for \$1200.

Quantities Of 1955  
Australian Issues

The Australian Postmaster-General has announced the quantities of stamps issued to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Rotary movement, Australian-American Friendship and the pioneers of the Coaching Era, all 1955 releases. The respective figures are as follows:— Rotary Anniversary, February 23—3½d—36,358,000. Australian-American Friendship, May 4—3½d—35,968,160. Coaching Pioneers, July 6—3½d—33,981,120; 2/—2,295,600.

Havertown Collectors  
Have Christmas Party

Members of the Havertown, Pa. Stamp Club are all looking forward to their 20th annual Christmas party to be held this year on December 21. It will begin at 8 p.m.

The group meets regularly the first and third Wednesdays in the city's Administration Bldg. visitors being welcome. It is where the party will be held.

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Since 1947 seals have been issued and sold and the net proceeds from these sales are all used towards the purchase of glasses for children as well as elderly people plus many eye operations. Each year, about 500 persons are taken care of, most of whom come from Wilmer Eye Clinic at Johns Hopkins hospital with other cases from other clinics.

The club has purchased and given to every school in Baltimore eye vision testers to be used in early diagnosis of sight deficiency in children and thus aid in early cure. The same design has been used throughout the years due to its success at the beginning and has now become more or less of a "trade mark" of the club and is readily recognized by the general public. Only the colors have been changed each year and the sheets have always been printed containing 100 seals, 10 x 10.

Until now, it has been impossible to identify each year's issue exactly but after much research and correspondence the following dates are presumed to be correct:

- 1947—Purple and white on orange surfaced paper.
- 1948—Blue and white on light blue surfaced paper.
- 1949—Red and white on green surfaced paper.
- 1950—Rose and white on pink surfaced paper.
- 1951—Black and white on green surfaced paper.
- 1952—Purple and white on light purple surfaced paper.
- 1953—Black and white on orange surfaced paper.
- 1954—Purple and white on rose surfaced paper.
- 1955—Red and white on orange surfaced paper.

Due to the fact these seals are only issued for local sale and usually meet with wide acceptance, practically all of the years are difficult to obtain, even the more recent.

Czech Society Elects  
Officers At Chicago

New officers were elected and the site of the 1956 exhibition and convention of the Czechoslovak Philatelic Society at the recent national get-together of the group in Chicago for a stamp show and meeting.

J. W. Adler of St. Louis is the president. Eastern, midwestern and western vice presidents are, respectively, K. Woodbury, Sr. of West Warwick, R. I.; C. A. Matias of Cleveland; and A. J. Cifka of Denver.

The treasurer is George C. Kobylka of Berwyn, Ill.; international secretary, A. J. Hrivnak of Riverside, Ill.; and executive secretary, Melvin F. Kiozar, 601 Tuxedo Ave., Cleveland 20, Ohio.

The 1956 session is scheduled for Stefanik Hall in Chicago on October 27 and 28.

Annual Precancel  
Round-Up January 22

The Annual Round-Up of precancel collectors will be held on Sunday, January 22 at the Public Service Recreation Room, 80 Park Place, Newark, N. J., from 10:00 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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For example, within the past week some 25,000 copies of the Final Prospectus have been mailed to interested persons throughout the world. This publication will provide complete information about FIPEX. For answers to any questions not covered in the Final Prospectus, a note to the Secretary of FIPEX, 22 E. 35th St., New York 16, N. Y. will bring a prompt reply.

Indicative of the interest being aroused by FIPEX abroad is the fact that a prominent European stamp dealer is arranging special flights from Europe to the United States and return at very attractive rates. These, in addition to offering considerable savings, will permit the participants a lengthy stay in the United States.

Entries continue to be received at a lively rate. Already it can be stated that some of the finest stamp collections in the world will be displayed at FIPEX. Inquiries have been received from some collectors who feel that the limitation of five frames does not permit them to do justice to their collection. It has been pointed out that there is nothing to prevent an exhibitor from applying for additional units of five frames. In other words, an extensive collection can be divided into logical groupings each of which can be entered as a separate display. Decision of the Directing Committee will be final in such cases, however.



For those who are interested in promoting FIPEX, it is announced that advertising labels are now available. These gummed labels are in the triangular design of the FIPEX emblem incorporating the Statue of Liberty and the Globe. They are printed in three colors and are most attractive. Every-one interested in FIPEX and the promotion of philately are urged to use these labels on correspondence. The labels, which can be secured from any stamp dealer or FIPEX, are priced as follows: 500—\$1.00; 1000—\$1.75; 5000—\$8.25; 10,000—\$15.00.

In addition, a series of four poster stamps have been produced in connection with FIPEX by The Nicklin Co., 110 W. 42nd St., New York 36, N. Y. These graphically portray the New York Coliseum where FIPEX will be held. The bold lines of the monolithic Coliseum itself are depicted against a wind-swept sky. An inscription in the upper right section reads: "New York Coliseum—April 28 to May 6, 1956" and across the base is the wording: "FIPEX—5th International Philatelic Exhibition."

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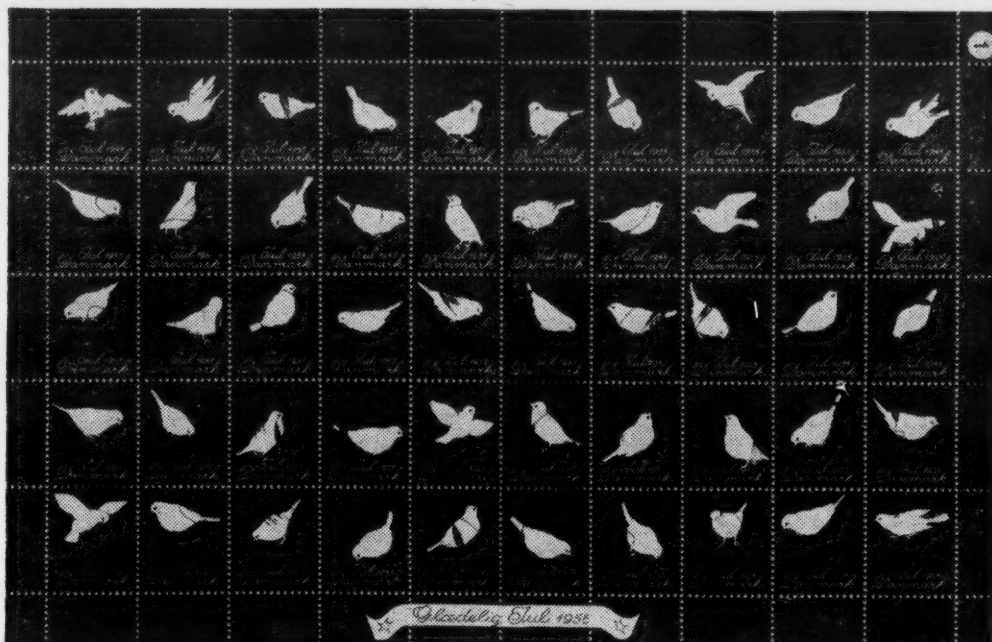
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Brochure Has Two Canal Zone Studies

Handbook No. 3 of the Canal Zone Study Group has been mailed to members-it contains two fine studies. The first, by Rudolph B. Weiler, is an original study of the "Canal Zone First Issue On Cover", based on the author's outstanding collection which won a first award at the recent Washington Jubilee Exhibition.

The second, by George W. Brett, deals with "Canal Zone Essays and Proofs". It first appeared serially in the Essay-Proof Journal.

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Also during January a 350pr olive and dark brown stamp will be issued to honor Technion, the Israel Institute of Technology at Haifa.

ITALY. On November 19 a 25 Lire green stamp was issued honoring Battista Grassi. The design is made up of a portrait of Grassi, an insect and a microscope.

KOREA. To commemorate the 10th anniversary of the United Nations a 20 hwan blue stamp was issued on November 11.

LIBERIA. A multi-colored set of three will be issued to honor Rotary International 50th anniversary. The set will consist of one regular and two airmails and will be -5c green and gold; 10c airmail, blue and red; 15c airmail, brown, red and gold.

A bi-colored miniature sheet, inscribed "ROTARY INTERNATIONAL 1905-1955", having a face value of 50c will be issued at the same time.

POLAND. Two stamps have been issued to mark the 50th anniversary of the Russian Revolution. The values are: 40gr brown and 60gr red.

SAN MARINO. A five-value set was issued November 15. The 5 Lire brown and blue and the 25L brown and purple have the same design as Scott type A63; the 10L orange and green and 35L purple and red have the design of Scott A64; and the 15L green and red has the design of Scott A62.

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TOWN ITEMS

Jim Thorpe, Pa. might not mean much to stamp collectors but I think it would to sports fans. This item on a 2c Prexy in U-121n type is rather hard to get I am told. A long time ago I spent a few days near Hartford, Kansas. Last week I received one of the first of the 1/2c Liberties from that town. Of course it brought back a few memories.

BUREAU ISSUES

Last Sunday at the Precancel Club meeting I was told that the 7c Liberty from Richmond, Va. was issued. Have not seen a copy as yet. Wm. Aronson of Teaneck, N.J. tells me he has a 2c Liberty coil from Paterson, N. J.

THE BULLETIN BOARD.

The Nebraska News, bulletin of the Nebraska Precancel Society, was mailed from Crofton, Nebr. with 1c Liberties. It's an old rubber handstamp, in very good condition apparently, and the type I would say was U-47.

The Sept.-Oct. issue of the ESS-CEEPECEE bulletin of the Southern California Precancel Club was mailed from Mount Vernon, Calif. with a 2c Liberty, type U-121. (This bulletin is mailed every other month now).

The KEYSTONER, bulletin of the Western Pennsylvania Precancel Club, was mailed from Wolfdale, Pa.-Type U-120n.

Addresses furnished of any the above for return postage-no precancels are available.

Plan Topical Chapter In Houston, Tex. Area

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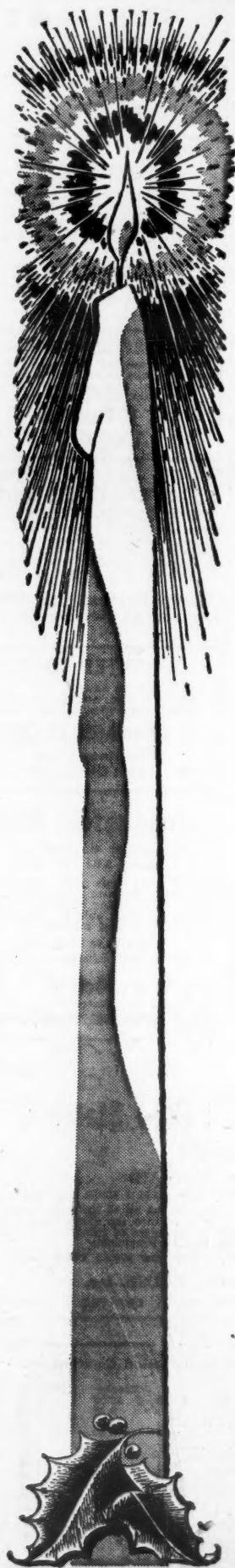


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Two very fine collections in their respective categories are to be auctioned by Earl P. Apfelbaum, 1428 S. Penn Sq., Philadelphia 2, Pa. soon. One is the Horace W. Barr 600 different Pennsylvania stampless covers some from the mid-18th century. The Harry Russell fine British America includes many high values and is strong in 20th century.

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For the first day of issue of the Andrew Mellon stamp William E. Salomon, 320 Highview Place, Silver Spring, Md. has prepared a picture card with the financier's portrait and a space where one can affix a copy of the new commem and have it cancelled there. Similar pieces are produced for other

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The Associated Press reports that just the other day the private phone in the office of Florida's Governor Ray Collins rang. He answered. The caller was his five year old daughter, Darby. "I'm writing a letter to the North Pole. Please bring home a North Pole stamp for me. It's very important," she informed him.

The Governor dutifully inquired of members of his staff if any spare North Pole stamps were available. There were none. He settled for a standard airmail in the hope Darby wouldn't know the difference and the U.S. post office would see her letter arrives safely into Santa Claus' hands.

  
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